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Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Dear Ms. Snowden:

On behalf of the over 8000 REALTOR® members in Louisiana I urge you to repeal the recent Federal Communications rule applicable to intrastate calls under the Do Not Call Program. Our association has spent enormous amounts of time and capital crafting Louisiana's legislation which passed in 2001.

Since passage of our state Do Not Call law in 2001, many industry groups, state legislators and several state agencies worked extremely hard in making sure that Louisiana's law protected the public and did not adversely hinder commercial activities taking place in our state.

The Louisiana law has seemed to work well and does differ from the Federal law in a couple of ways:

- Real estate licensees can contact individuals that advertise their property for sale without coming under the Do Not Call law,
- Real estate licensees can contact individuals that are referred to them and individuals those real estate licensees know personally without having to adhere to the Do No Call law.

Our members feel that this new proposed rule change goes way beyond what Congress intended and usurps what we believe is the right of states to regulate activities within our borders. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter and we hope the FCC will seriously consider amending this rule and allow states who already have Do Not Call programs in place to abide by those state laws.

Sincerely yours,

Malcolm Young, CAE, RCE
President, Louisiana REALTORS®

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